



CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



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28th October – 4th November 2017 30th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A



Mass Times

Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 5pm
Monday – Saturday 10am
Exposition Thursday 7pm-8pm
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am during Exposition

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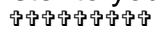
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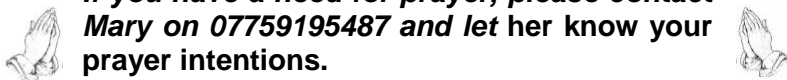


If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify the RC Chaplain Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) on Tel: **01438 285138**
Via text message: **07876 526935**
Email: chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net

If you are in Pinehill Hospital, please contact the parish directly. When you come out of hospital or if you are ill and housebound please ring the parish office so we can minister to your needs if required.



If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.



Parish Prayer Bless this parish, Lord. Let our community reflect your own communion of love. Help us to live peacefully and humbly, attending to the call of your Spirit and mindful of our duty to everything you have created. Strengthen the bonds of our families and friendships with patience and kindness. Make us joyful messengers of your kingdom and a source of comfort for those in need.



Diary

Sunday 29th	Coffee Morning – Mexican Appeal
	All Hallows Eve Party 4.30-6pm Hall
Monday 30th Beavers 6-7pm Cubs 7.15-8.15pm	9.15-11.15am. Parent & Toddlers
	Meditation UCR 11.45am
Tuesday 31st Scouts 7-9pm	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 9pm-4pm
	RE Session EC 5.30pm
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
Wednesday 1st	All Saints Day
	RCIA EC – After 7.30pm Mass
Thursday 2nd	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Emmanuel Meeting Room 6.30pm
Friday 3rd	9.15-11.15am. Parent & Toddlers
	Lectio Divina – EC 2pm
Sunday 5th	Coffee Morning – Live Simply

Readings: Ex 22:20-26, Thess 1:5-10, Matt 22:34-40

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Intercession: Lord, we call upon you

Response: God is my mighty help!

Next week: Mal 1:14-2:2.8-10, Thes 2:7-9.13, Matt 23:1-12

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 6 Monday Team: 4
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No cash for the collection? Just text Parish HITCH to 70800 to donate £5.
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Envelopes and slips of paper are available this weekend for the month of the Holy Souls. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November.



Please return your envelopes to the box at the back of the church.

Faith Development Helpline

If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring

07398821315

Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.

Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself

If someone close to you has died our Bereavement Team is specially trained to help. You can contact them through the Parish Office on 01462 459126.

Ramblings for Reflection:

Isn't simplicity deceiving? What could be simpler than loving God and neighbour? Assumptionists love Jesus Christ who is the centre and heart of our lives, and we love what Jesus Christ loves: Mary, his mother, and the Church. So, why does something, which sounds so simple, become so difficult to live? How can loving God and neighbour, which Jesus said involves suffering, yokes and crosses, ever just be simple? Maybe it is because we think that anything truly worthwhile is never just simple; that it has to be earned through a complicated struggle that involves sacrifice, testing, difficulties and challenges to be overcome. How can all that be simple? Every loving relationship is built on trust and fidelity and our relationship with God is no different. The simplicity of our relationship with God lies in the fact that Jesus calls us to trust him at every turn of the journey for it is only in this kind of trust that we will truly experience and be transformed by his love. We, however, want to show that we are worthy of this love by overcoming the challenges and difficulties of life, seeing love as the reward. How can a love that is freely and generously given ever be a reward? We become part of those we love as they in turn become part of us. This is not something to be earned but a love that asks for openness and abandonment of self. Simple??

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Our Lady's Special Support Group (OLSSG) would like to thank everyone who helped with their recent coffee morning, which raised a total of £120. Thank you. God bless, Irma & Derek Shipman

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The CAFOD collection on 14/15 October raised £502.57 and the World Mission Appeal on 21/22 October raised £329.73. Thank you all for your generosity and donations

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Help needed with lunches on a Tuesday from 11-30am-1pm for the Bethany Club. For further information please ring Jeannie Sherriffs on 01462 813255. Many thanks.

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There will be no Padre Pio Mass this Friday (3rd November). The next Mass will be on Thursday 30 November at 10am.

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UCM - No Meeting Tuesday 7th November, but Remembrance Service during the 10am Mass on Thursday 9th November. Just to remind members to bring items for the Hampers to that mass, also to remind members that the Coffee morning is on 12th November. Also that Subs are due as soon as possible.

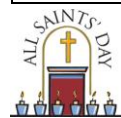
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Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) On 17th October, at a celebration Mass, a new member of the parish UCM was enrolled and membership certificates given to five founder members in recognition of 50 years, two for 40 years and one for 25 years membership of the UCM. Over the years, the group have been fortunate to support one another in all that life has thrown at them, both good and bad. Their lives have been enriched by membership of the UCM whose main aim is to promote family life and support the family in need. Meetings are normally held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month with notifications in the Parish news. Their meetings cover a range of subjects, and spiritual activities such as pilgrimage to Walsingham, evenings of reflection, rosaries and Masses. Some meetings are educational and informative such as speakers from Jackie's Drop in, our Charity this year, Chapel Preserves and a show garden at Hampton Court. In the past they have had a talk by one of the founders of the Hospice movement, a representative who was on the Warnock committee and panel evenings. They also have craft evenings and of course need no excuse for sharing a meal! They would like to thank everyone in the Parish who helped with the celebration Mass and have supported them over the last 50 years and would welcome any ladies of the parish to their meetings.

Dates for Diary

Wednesday 1st November



Feast of All Saints there will be Mass at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm in the parish, 9am at Our Lady's School. There **will not be** a Mass at Elmside care home.

Thursday 2nd November

All Soul's Day Blessing of graves will take place after the 10am Mass. Meet up at St John's cemetery at ~11am.

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The Sacrament of Marriage: The ministers of the Sacrament of Marriage are the man and the woman who marry; by manifesting their consent and expressing it physically, they receive a great gift. Their consent and their bodily union are the divinely appointed means whereby they become 'one flesh'.

